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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP--BACCAR LAWSUIT AGAINST MMSC

1. MMSC DIRECTOR MENEZ HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TO HIGGINS AND ROBINSON OF SMI: QUOTE DURING APR 22 HEARING, FIVE OF TWELVE BACCAR LAWYERS CONCENTRATED ON TELLING COURT HOW GREAT THEIR CLIENT IS AND THAT BECAUSE OF JEALOUSY OF AMERICAN DIRECTOR HER CONTRACT WAS NOT RENEWED. BEN NACEUR, ONE OF LAWYERS, ALSO COMMENTED THAT ALL FILIPINOS ARE AGAINST MOSLEMS AND THAT MENEZ OF PHILIPPINE DESCENT. BACCAR LAWYERS PRESSED THE JUDGE FOR IMMEDIATE DECISION SINCE TIME IS SHORT UNTIL JUNE 30 DEPARTURE OF AMERICANS.

2. DAKLAOUI SAID THAT ARGUMENTS PRESENTED ARE IRRELEVANT TO CASE. HE MENTIONED THAT BACCAR WAS OFFERED MMSC CO-DIRECTORSHIP, BUT SHE REFUSED BECAUSE OF RELATIVE LOW SALARY FROM GOT. HE ALSO ENUMERATED TRAVEL SUPPORT THAT AMERICANS GAVE HEDIA AND HOW MUCH MONEY SHE RECEIVED FOR SEVERANCE PAY AND ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE. DAKLAOUI GAVE TOTAL FIGURE AND SHOWED SUB-VOUCHERS AS SUPPORTING EVIDENCE. HE ALSO TOLD JUDGE THAT BACCAR LAWYERS SHOULD NOT WORRY ABOUT DEPARTURE OF AMERICANS IN JUNE. MMSC, HE SAID, IS COOPERATIVE PROJECT BETWEEN AMERICANS AND INSTOP UNDER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, WHO IS A CO-DEFENDANT. MINISTER, HE EMPHASIZED, WILL STILL BE HERE AFTER

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3. HEARING LASTED TWO HOURS AND JUDGE POSTPONED
DECISION UNTIL MAY 10.

4. NEED URGENTLY AUTHORIZATION FOR BALANCE OF BUDGET.

5. SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, YUGOSLAVIAN,
MOROCCAN AND SOSC EQUIPMENT, AND SPECIMENS INITIATED.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP ANXIOUSLY AWAITING REPLY TO
PROPOSAL.

7. NOTIFY MANNING THAT HIS SPECIMENTS RECENTLY
APPROVED BY AZOUZ FOR SHIPMENT.

8. NOTIFY PAUL PERROT AHAT AFRICA AND HILTON HOTELS
FULL. RESERVATION OKAY AT MEGARA. ADVISE MMSC OF
ETA AND AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER. MENEZ UNQUOTE.
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